



Fish the Wayne NF

The Wayne National Forest (NF) manages fish habitats and angling opportunities in cooperation with the Ohio Division of Wildlife, which regulates and manages fish populations.

The Wayne NF has over 500 acres of ponds and lakes open to public fishing and wildlife viewing. Four warm-water streams flow through the Wayne's boundaries, and the Ohio River borders a part of this Forest.

There are about 130 fishable ponds and small lakes, ranging in size from 1-10 acres, scattered throughout the Wayne. These ponds and lakes have become public fishing waters through the Wayne's land acquisition program over the years. They consist of old farm ponds, coal strip-mine ponds, or limestone quarry ponds. Some have easy, drive-in access and others are accessible only by primitive walk-in trails. Many anglers bring belly boats along for these harder to reach ponds.

The Wayne is often described as having a fragmented ownership pattern. National Forest lands are mixed with private and other public lands. Because of this, it is important to carry a map with you during your fishing trips. This is especially important when fishing the streams flowing through the Forest. Always ask permission to fish from private lands.



Accessibility

Bank fishing is easily accessible on many of our fishing areas. Fishing piers specifically designed to provide for fishing opportunities for those with disabilities are located at Vesuvius Lake and Leith Run Recreation Areas.

Contact Us

The Wayne has three offices to serve visitors. Office hours are 8 - 4:30 Monday through Friday.

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Nelsonville, OH 45764
Phone: 740-753-0101

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Marietta, OH 45750
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Pedro, OH 45659
Phone: 740-534-6500

Federal relay system for the deaf and hearing impaired: 1-800-877-8339

website: www.fs.fed.us/r9/wayne

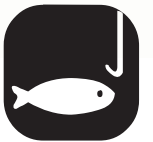


Do not dump your left over bait, many of the species may be invasive or carry disease. Dispose of bait on land or in the trash.

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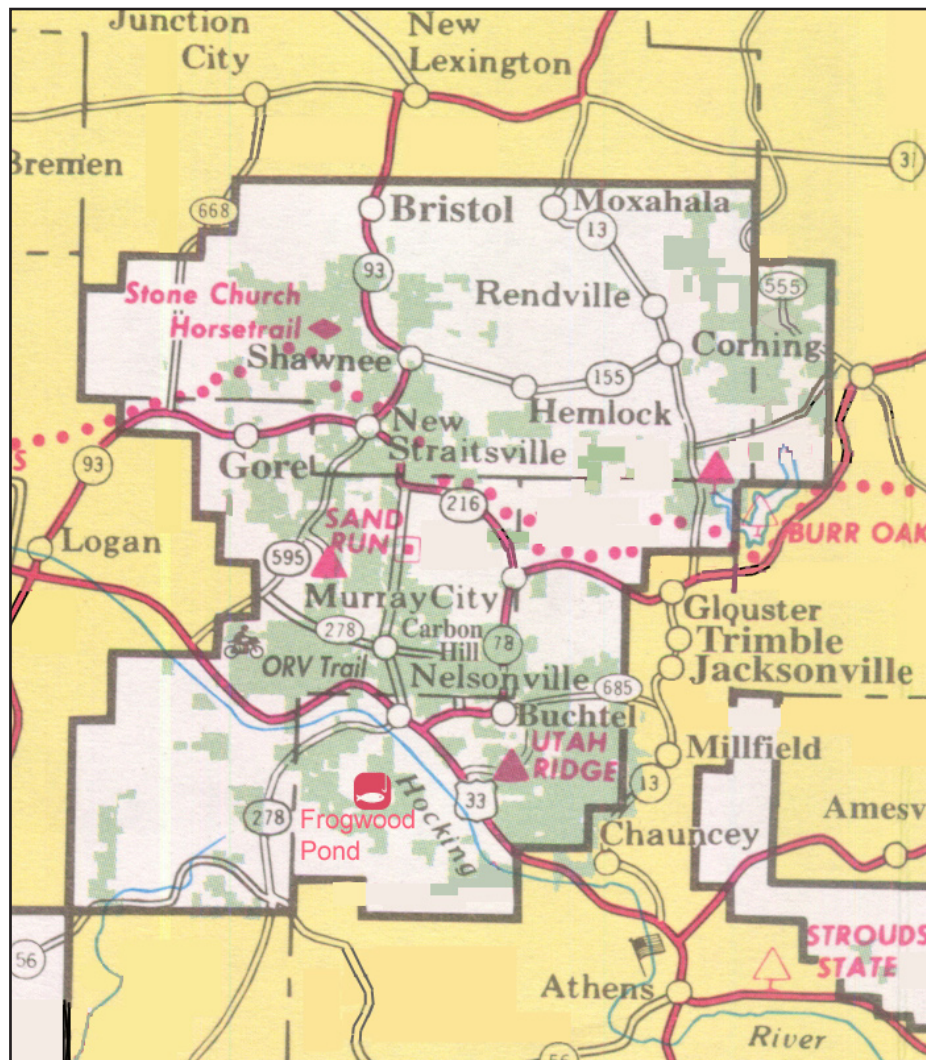


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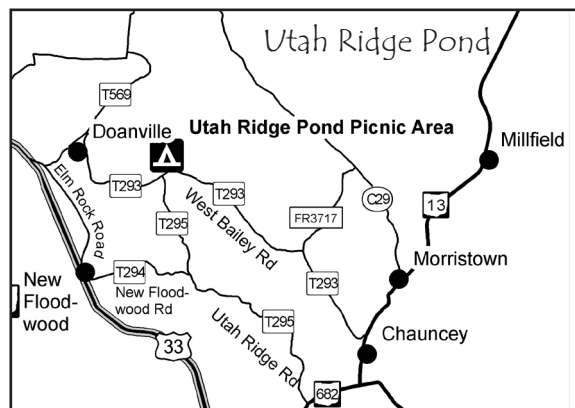


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Athens Unit Vicinity Map



Fish the Athens District

The Athens District offers public fishing opportunities in both the Athens and Marietta Units. Several waters offer fishing options for largemouth bass, bluegill, and channel catfish from shore or by boat. In addition to the sites discussed here, there are many other small ponds on the Forest. The Athens Unit of the Athens District is shown here, the Marietta Unit is on the back of this brochure.

All Ohio fishing regulations apply at all Wayne National Forest lakes and ponds.

Athens Unit

Fishing Spots:

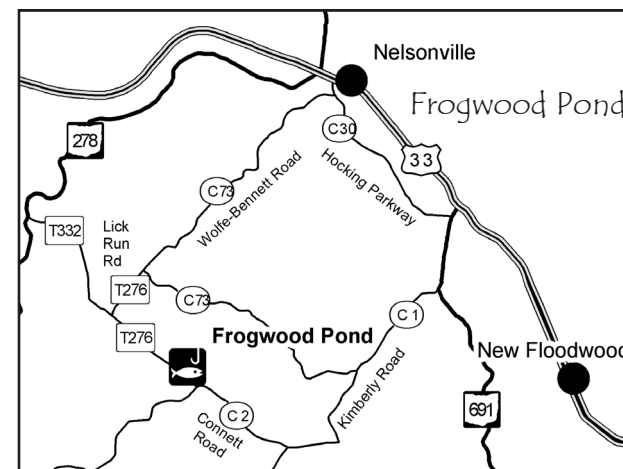
Sand Run Lake - This 1-acre lake also has a picnic area and restrooms. It is a beautiful spot set among tall white pines.

Utah Ridge - This 1-acre pond is just east of Nelsonville. Surrounded by tall pine trees, the site has a primeval quality that makes it particularly appealing. For access from US 33, turn on Pancake Road to Doanville, then east on West Bailey Road to Utah Ridge Pond.

Frogwood Pond - This 8-acre pond is just south of Nelsonville. It is also called

Avis Pond. This former strip-mine pond was depth mapped by the Hocking College Fish and Wildlife Conservation Club. The water depth map is on the Wayne NF website. Fish have been stocked by local residents and include bass, bluegill, crappie, and channel catfish. Christmas trees have been placed in the pond to provide fish habitat. To reach the pond from Nelsonville take Wolfe-Bennett Road south to Lick Run/Wollet Road (TR 276).

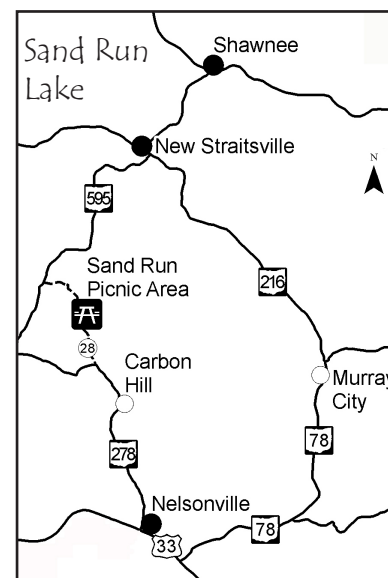
Hocking River - There are opportunities for fishing on this river. Please ensure that you are on national forest or other public land if you decide to fish the Hocking River.

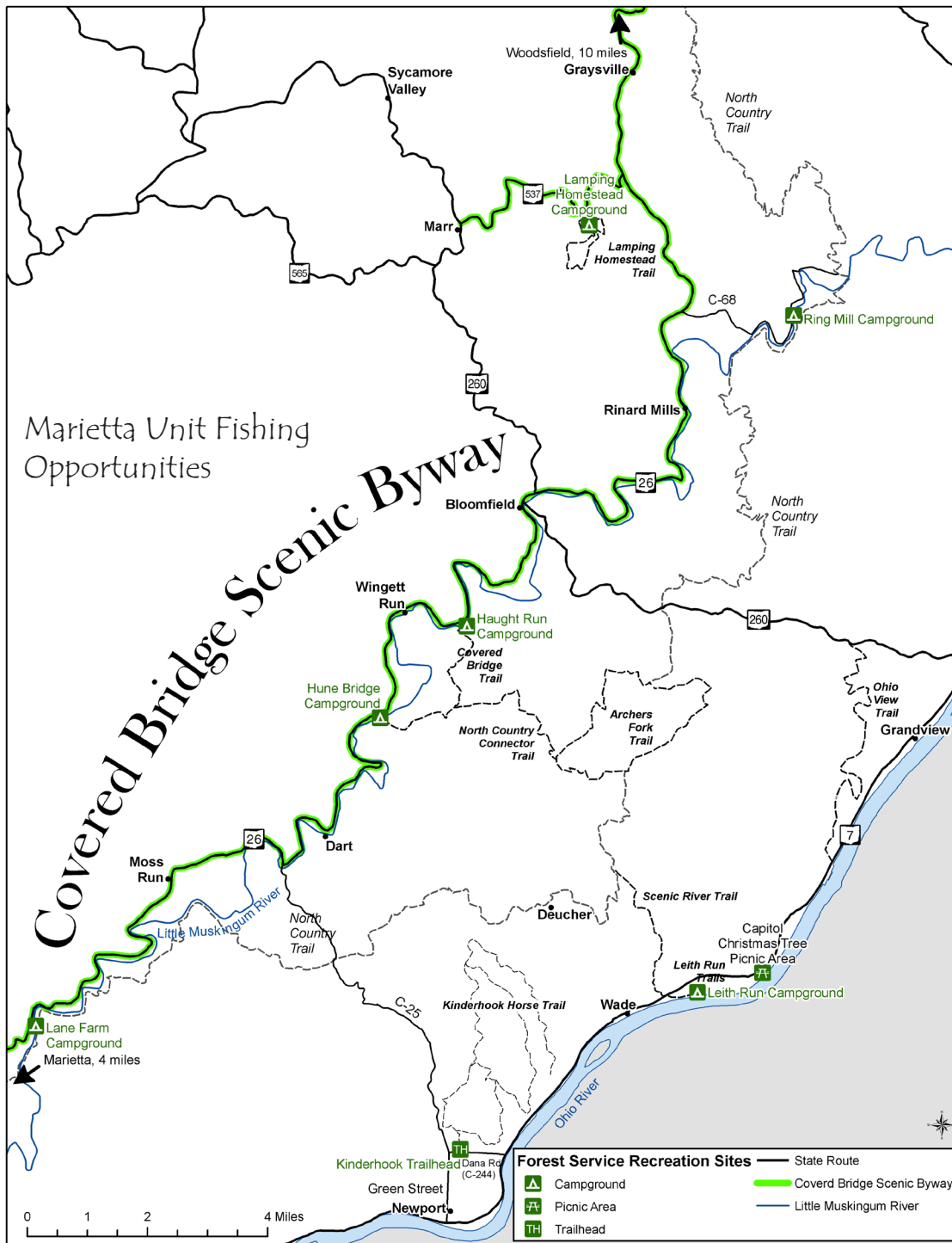


Parking

Vehicle parking is provided in designated lots at most fishing areas. If no parking is available, please

ensure your vehicle is safely off the road and does not block any gate or road access to the Forest.





Marietta Unit Fishing Spots:

Lamping Homestead Lake - This 4-acre lake also offers camping, picnicking, a hike/bike trail, and restrooms.

Little Muskingum River - There are opportunities for fishing at several access points on this river. Most of these have restrooms. If you fish at other locations on this river please ensure that you are on national forest or other public land.

Ohio River - This river can be accessed from Leith Run which has a separate brochure with information.



Fish the Ironton District

The Ironton District offers public fishing opportunities in several lakes, creeks, and ponds. In most of these waters you can fish for largemouth bass, bluegill, and channel catfish from shore or by boat. Some lakes have size restrictions on fish. The Ohio DNR stocks rainbow trout at Timbre Ridge and Vesuvius Lake. Stocking dates are posted on the ODNR website.

Ironton Fishing Spots:

Lake Vesuvius - This area has an entire brochure dedicated to the facilities and opportunities at this 143-acre recreation complex. A depth map of this lake is posted on the Wayne website.

Timbre Ridge Lake - This 100-acre lake has a brochure specifically about its opportunities. It is a clear deep lake.

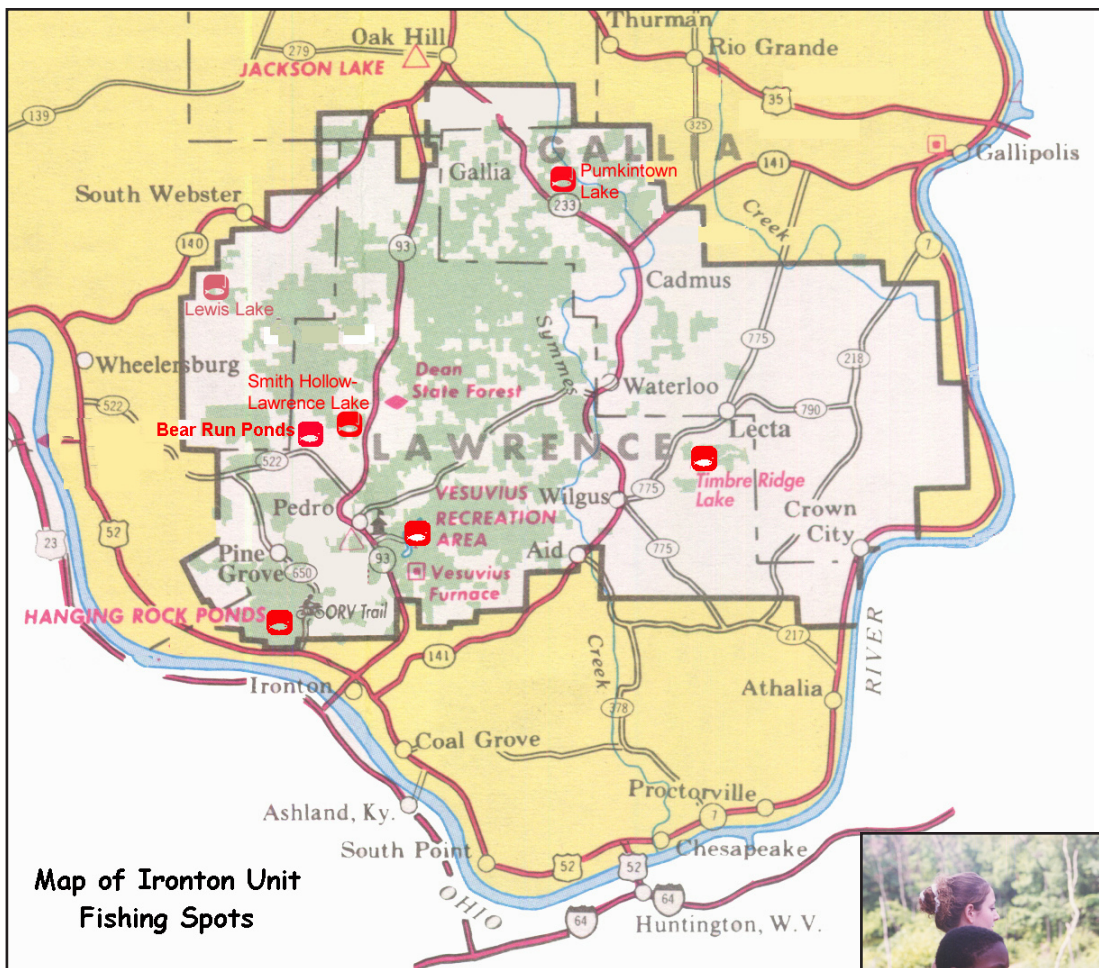
Pumpkintown or Kenton Lake - This 7-acre lake is near the Morgan Sisters Trail. To reach the lake from SR 233 turn on Pumpkintown Road. A depth map of this lake is on our website.

Lewis Lake - This lake, formerly a private pay lake, is near South Webster. It is also known as Lake Tecumseh.

Smith Hollow-Lawrence Lake - Smith Hollow is a 4.5-acre lake is just north of Pedro. Below Smith Hollow is a shallow borrow bit lake called Lawrence Lake.

Hanging Rock Area Ponds - This area has more than 50 small ponds for fishing. This area has its own brochure for more information.

Bear Run Area Ponds - This area has more than 40 small ponds for fishing. This former strip mined area has old haul roads for accessing the ponds.



Symmes Creek, Pine Creek, South Pine Creek, and Storms Creek - Each of these creeks have opportunities for fishing. You may wish to purchase a Forest Visitor Map to ensure that you are on national forest land if you decide to fish these areas.

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